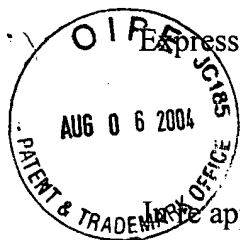


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated **May 6, 2004**, and is submitted on or before the due date of **August 6, 2004**.

If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby constructively petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 05882.0158.NPUS03.

The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and consider the application.